

WHEN IS THE RAPTURE?

[Message 5 \(of 12\)](#) – Maranatha: I'm Coming Soon

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Introduction

There is a moment coming in the history of this world that will divide every life on earth in less than the blink of an eye.

Paul described it as a moment when the Lord Himself comes down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God -- and those who are still alive are caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

Caught up.

Not gently lifted. Not slowly translated. Caught up -- the way a parent catches up a child out of traffic. The way God took Enoch and Elijah.

It is the Rapture.

And before I take you into what Scripture says about it, let me tell you who I am preaching to today. Because there are at least five of you reading this message right now.

To the Date-Setter

You who keep buying books and watching videos that claim to have decoded the year of the Rapture. You who set 1988. Then 2000. Then 2011. Then 2017. And every time the date passed, you bought the next book.

Hear the Lord Jesus Himself: no one knows the day or the hour. Not the angels. Not even the Son. Only the Father.

Stop the date-setting. Start the watching.

To the Scoffer

You who say: "They have preached the return of Christ for two thousand years and nothing has happened." Hear Peter, who saw this scoffing coming:

2 Peter 3:3-4, 9 (NIV) *"...in the last days scoffers will come... They will say, 'Where is this 'coming' he promised?'... The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise... Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."*

The Lord's delay is not absence. It is mercy. He is holding the door open for one more soul. Maybe yours.

To the Believer Asleep in Sodom

Lot was a righteous man (2 Peter 2:7). But Lot was asleep in Sodom -- his living, his daughters, his heart were settled there. So settled that on the morning of judgment, the angels had to take him by the hand and drag him out.

There are believers today asleep in cultures that smell like Sodom.

Wake up. Pull your heart out of the place before the judgment forces you out.

To Whoever Has Grown Casual About the Day

You who have decided in your heart -- whether you will not be here when the great trouble comes, or whether the Rapture is decades away -- and so you have stopped watching.

Your Bible has grown thin. Your prayer life has grown thin. Your faith has grown thin.

If your timing is wrong, and the trumpet sounds today -- where will you be?

Watch every day. Build endurance every day. Just in case.

To the Discouraged Faithful

And then -- there is you. You who have watched for years and grown tired. You who have prayed Maranatha so many times the word now feels worn. You who have buried friends who died waiting. You who have wondered, in the late hour of the night, whether He is really coming at all.

Hear the Lord Himself:

Hebrews 10:37; Revelation 22:20 (NIV) *"In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay... Yes, I am coming soon."*

He is coming. He is not slow. He is not late.

And those who endure to the end will hear Him say: well done. (Matthew 24:13; Matthew 25:21)

Whichever of these you are reading today -- the message that follows is for you.

The trumpet will sound. He already knows the day.

He who has an ear — the watching are the ones who will be ready.

The Series

I am Dickson Wasake, a slave of God and the Lord Jesus.

About 9 years ago I fell into holy fire after I encountered the Lord Jesus while reading the Bible. He placed a love for Him in my heart, and so we preach because we love the Lord -- who is coming soon.

On December 4, 2025, the Lord Jesus spoke to me to preach a series of 12 messages titled: "Maranatha! I am coming soon..." This is Message 5.

In the four messages before this one, we have heard the knock at the door, unmasked the counterfeit Antichrist, lifted our eyes to the King who owns the throne, and seen how the Lord gives His clearest signs in the darkest seasons.

Today -- we look at the moment that sign breaks open the sky. The moment the trumpet sounds. The moment the dead in Christ rise first. The moment those who are alive and remain are caught up.

Will you listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches?

Anchor Text

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (NIV) *"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever."*

There it is. The clearest single passage in all the New Testament on what is coming.

Three sounds. Two groups in view. One meeting place in the clouds. And one outcome that swallows everything: forever with the Lord.

Paul wrote those words to a young church in Thessalonica that was grieving -- some of their believers had died before the Lord returned, and the rest feared the dead had missed out. Paul tells them in 1 Thessalonians 4:13 not to grieve like those who have no hope, and gives them the picture: the dead will not miss out. They will be raised first. The living will be caught up after -- snatched, the way God took Enoch (Genesis 5:24) and Elijah (2 Kings 2:11). Suddenly. Forcefully. Without warning.

And then Jesus Himself on the Mount of Olives:

Matthew 24:36, 40-42 (NIV) *"About that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father... Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the*

other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore keep watch..."

Paul tells us WHAT is coming -- a trumpet, a shout, a snatching away. Jesus tells us WHEN -- a moment no one knows, while people are working, eating, sleeping.

Same field. Same hand mill. Same bed. And in less than the blink of an eye -- one is gone and the other is standing there alone.

Part 1: What Is the Rapture?

Let us slow down and define this carefully, because there is much confusion in the church today on this subject.

The Word Itself

The English word rapture does not appear in our Bibles. But the THING described by that word is everywhere.

The Greek word in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 is *harpazo* -- the same word used when the Spirit caught Philip away after he baptised the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:39), and when Paul was caught up to the third heaven (2 Corinthians 12:2). Every time the word appears, it means the same thing: a sudden, forceful, divine taking-away.

So when we say rapture, we are saying the word the Holy Spirit Himself chose. We are saying snatched. We are saying caught up.

The Sequence

The clearest single teaching on the order of these events comes from Paul -- in two letters to the same young church at Thessalonica.

In the first letter -- our anchor text just read -- Paul tells them what is going to happen: trumpet, shout, dead in Christ raised, living caught up. In the second letter, Paul opens by tying these two events together explicitly:

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 8 (NIV) *"Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed... that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed... And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming."*

Notice what Paul does in that opening line. He puts two events side by side, joined by one word: AND.

The coming of our Lord Jesus Christ -- AND our being gathered to him.

This is the Rapture, named. Paul is telling the Thessalonians that the Lord's coming and our being gathered up to meet Him are bound together as one subject, one teaching, one hope. They are not two unrelated events. They are one event in two motions: He comes, and we are gathered.

And in the very next breath, Paul says: that day cannot come until the apostasy and the Antichrist arrive first.

Read the two passages side by side and the order is plain:

First -- a great falling away. An apostasy. People abandon the faith en masse, as in the days of Noah. (2 Thessalonians 2:3; Matthew 24:37-39)

Second -- the man of lawlessness, the Antichrist, is revealed. He deceives the world and would deceive even the elect, if possible. (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4; Matthew 24:24)

Third -- a loud command. The voice of the archangel. The trumpet of God. (1 Thessalonians 4:16; 1 Corinthians 15:52)

Fourth -- the dead in Christ rise first. (1 Thessalonians 4:16)

Fifth -- those alive and remaining are gathered to Him -- caught up together with them, in the clouds, to meet the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4:17; 2 Thessalonians 2:1; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52)

Sixth -- the Antichrist is destroyed by the breath of the Lord's mouth and the splendor of His coming. (2 Thessalonians 2:8; Revelation 19:11-21)

Seventh -- the Lord makes all things new. (Revelation 21:1-5)

That is the order. It is not my order. It is Paul's order, given to the Thessalonians under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Do not let anyone confuse you on it.

Part 2: The Honest Question -- Pre-Tribulation or Post-Tribulation?

Now here is where faithful, Bible-believing Christians have disagreed for centuries.

In simple terms -- the pre-tribulation view holds that the Rapture happens BEFORE the seven-year tribulation, and the church is removed from the earth before the worst of what is coming. The post-tribulation view holds that the Rapture happens AT THE END of the tribulation -- the church goes through it, and is caught up at Christ's visible return.

Same Rapture. Same trumpet. Same caught-up-in-the-clouds. The disagreement is the TIMING.

And I want to handle this with care, because I have seen too many sermons that take one side and crucify the other -- as if Christians on the other side were not reading the same Bible.

But before we look at the two views in detail, we have to understand what the Tribulation actually is -- and why it is bound up with the Antichrist's reign. Without that connection, the whole pre-trib / post-trib question has no anchor.

How Scripture Ties the Tribulation to the Antichrist

The seven-year tribulation is not a free-floating idea. It is woven step by step through Daniel, Jesus, Paul, and John.

It begins in Daniel:

Daniel 9:27 (NIV) *"He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation..."*

That "he" is the Antichrist -- confirming a seven-year covenant, breaking it in the middle, setting up an abomination in the temple. Daniel sees this same figure persecuting the saints for "a time, times and half a time" -- three and a half years (Daniel 7:25).

Six hundred years later, Jesus opens Daniel's prophecy and gives the period a name:

Matthew 24:15, 21 (NIV) *"So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel -- let the reader understand... For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now -- and never to be equaled again."*

Jesus quotes Daniel by name. He calls the period the great tribulation. That is Jesus' own word for it.

Paul picks up the same thread. The Antichrist sits in God's temple -- which IS Daniel's abomination:

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 (NIV) *"...the man of lawlessness... sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God."*

And John sees the Beast given authority for forty-two months -- exactly Daniel's three and a half years:

Revelation 13:5 (NIV) *"The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months."*

So the Tribulation IS the seven-year period of the Antichrist's reign -- with the worst concentrated in the final three and a half years, after he breaks his covenant and sets himself up in the temple.

But Has the Antichrist Not Already Come?

Someone might fairly ask: maybe the Antichrist already came -- Nero, perhaps. Maybe the Tribulation already happened in AD 70 when Rome destroyed Jerusalem. Maybe all that is left is the Lord's return.

It is a centuries-old question. And it deserves a careful answer.

John drew the line himself, writing decades after Nero was dead:

1 John 2:18 (NIV) *"...you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come."*

Two things in one verse. Many antichrists have come -- Nero among them. But THE Antichrist was still coming when John wrote. The two are distinguished.

And the specific marks of THE Antichrist do not fit any historical figure:

Paul says he will sit in God's temple, proclaiming himself God (2 Thessalonians 2:4) -- the temple was destroyed in AD 70.

Paul says he will be destroyed by the splendor of the Lord's coming (2 Thessalonians 2:8) -- Nero died by his own hand; Christ has not returned in splendor.

John says no one will buy or sell without his mark (Revelation 13:16-17) -- only now technologically possible. And John sees 144,000 sealed from the tribes of Israel and two witnesses raised after 1,260 days (Revelation 7:4; 11:3-12) -- none of which has happened.

And Jesus settles it:

Matthew 24:21 (NIV) *"For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now -- and never to be equaled again."*

Unequaled. Never to be equaled. AD 70 was terrible -- but the Holocaust exceeded it. World War One exceeded it. Jesus' own words require a tribulation still future.

AD 70 was a typological foreshadowing of what is still to come. But THE Antichrist of Paul and John, the seven-year covenant of Daniel, the great tribulation of Jesus -- these are still ahead of us.

Now -- with that anchor in place -- here is where Christians have disagreed: does the church go up BEFORE this seven-year period, or AT THE END, with Christ's visible return?

That is the pre-trib / post-trib question.

The Pre-Tribulation View

Holds that the Rapture happens BEFORE the seven-year tribulation begins. Key passages:

1 Thessalonians 5:9 (NIV) *"For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Revelation 3:10 (NIV) *"...I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world..."*

Reasoning: the tribulation is God's wrath on a Christ-rejecting world. The church is not appointed to that wrath. The Holy Spirit, who holds back the man of lawlessness, must be taken out of the way -- and the church goes with Him.

The Post-Tribulation View

Holds that the Rapture happens AT THE END of the seven-year tribulation -- one event with Christ's visible Second Coming, in the twinkling of an eye. Key passages:

Matthew 24:29-31 (NIV) *"Immediately after the distress of those days... he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds."*

Reasoning: Jesus says the gathering of the elect happens AFTER the tribulation. Revelation shows saints throughout the tribulation -- they are clearly there. The first resurrection in Revelation 20 happens after the millennium begins. So the Rapture and Second Coming are one event.

A Third View Emerging -- Pre-Wrath

In recent decades a third view has been gaining careful attention among Bible students. It is called the pre-wrath view.

It rests on a simple but important observation. In the original Greek, Scripture uses two different words for two different realities. One word -- *thlipsis* -- means tribulation, the persecution and distress believers go through. The other word -- *orge* -- means wrath, God's direct judgment poured out on the unrepentant. Jesus said believers WOULD have tribulation

(John 16:33). Paul said believers were DESTINED for tribulation (1 Thessalonians 3:3). But Paul also said believers were NOT appointed to wrath (1 Thessalonians 5:9).

The pre-wrath view says these two words point to two different things. Believers go THROUGH the Antichrist's great tribulation -- the persecution of the saints by the Beast. But believers are caught up to meet the Lord BEFORE the wrath of God is poured out in the bowl judgments of Revelation 16. The Rapture and the visible return are still ONE coming -- but with a brief interval between the gathering and the touchdown. That interval is the day of the Lord's wrath, poured out on a Christ-rejecting world while the saints are safely with their Lord.

What is appealing about this view is that it holds together truths the other two struggle to hold together at the same time: that there is ONE return of Christ, that believers ARE destined for tribulation, but that believers are NOT appointed to wrath. It also matches the order Jesus Himself gave on the Mount of Olives -- gathering AFTER the tribulation, AT the cosmic signs, BEFORE the wrath.

It is too early to say where the church will settle on this view. But you should know it exists. And honest Bible students are giving it careful thought.

All three views are held by faithful, Bible-loving Christians. All three have strengths. All three have weaknesses.

My Counsel to You

I do not stand here today to tell you which view is right.

But here is what BOTH views agree on -- and this is what you must hold:

THE LORD JESUS IS COMING.

THE TRUMPET WILL SOUND.

THE DEAD IN CHRIST WILL RISE.

THE LIVING WILL BE CAUGHT UP.

AND WE WILL BE WITH HIM FOREVER.

The TIMING relative to the tribulation -- that is the disagreement. The FACT that the church goes up -- that is not in question.

So my counsel is this: live as if it is pre-tribulation. Be ready every single day -- today could be the day.

And prepare your faith as if it is post-tribulation. Build endurance that could carry you through the darkest hour -- because that day might come.

Either way -- the command of the Lord is the same.

The trumpet will sound. He already knows the day.

He who has an ear — the day of the snatching away cannot be set on a calendar.

Part 3: The Suddenness of That Day

Now let us go back to the most vivid picture Jesus ever painted of that day. It was given on the Mount of Olives, days before His crucifixion. He wanted His disciples to feel the suddenness of it. So He picked three ordinary scenes from ordinary life.

Matthew 24:40-42 (NIV) *"Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."*

And Luke adds the third:

Luke 17:34 (NIV) *"I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left."*

A field. A hand mill. A bed.

Three ordinary places. Three ordinary moments. And in each one, the same event -- two people side by side, and in less than the blink of an eye, one is gone and the other is standing there alone.

The Field

Picture two men working a field together. Same work. Same ground. Same air. From the outside, no one could tell them apart.

And then -- without warning -- one is gone. Not dead. Not walked away. Snatched. Caught up.

And the man left standing in that field will spend the rest of his days remembering the moment everything changed.

The Hand Mill

Two women at a hand mill, grinding grain for the daily bread. Their hands have ground that grain together a thousand times.

And in the middle of the grinding -- one set of hands is no longer on the stone.

The woman left at that mill will keep turning the stone for a moment before she even understands what has happened.

The Bed

And the most intimate picture of all -- two people in one bed. Husband and wife, perhaps. Side by side.

And without warning, one set of breathing stops, and the other rolls over to find the sheets warm and the place empty.

Jesus did not pick these examples by accident. The day will come in the middle of an ordinary moment.

Not on a religious holiday. Not in a church service. In the middle of ordinary work. In the middle of an ordinary breath.

And the question Jesus presses on every listener is this:

Matthew 24:42 (NIV) *"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."*

In whom you trust. In what you confess. In how you live when no one is watching -- the difference is being made today.

The trumpet will sound. He already knows the day.

He who has an ear — the day will come in an ordinary moment -- so keep watch.

Part 4: The Command That Saves -- Watch and Pray

Why did Jesus repeat one command more than almost any other in His teaching on the end?

Watch.

Watch and pray.

Listen to how many times He says it:

Matthew 24:42 (NIV) *"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."*

Matthew 26:41 (NIV) *"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

Mark 13:37 (NIV) *"What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"*

Luke 21:36 (NIV) *"Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."*

Revelation 16:15 (NIV) *"Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed..."*

Over and over -- the Lord Himself, in red letters, pressing it on His church: WATCH.

And why this insistence?

Because the day is hidden. Even from Him.

Mark 13:32 (NIV) *"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."*

Read that verse again. Not the angels. Not even the Son in the days of His flesh. Only the Father.

So when a man stands in a pulpit and tells you he has calculated the exact date of the Rapture -
- close your Bible and walk away.

He is teaching you what Jesus said no one knows.

Like a Thief

And what is the consistent image the apostles use for that day?

1 Thessalonians 5:2 (NIV) *"For you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night."*

Peter says the same (2 Peter 3:10). The risen Lord Himself says the same (Revelation 16:15). The image is consistent across the apostles. A thief gives no notice. A thief comes when no one is expecting him.

And this image applies to TWO days, not one. It applies to the day of the Lord's return. And it applies to your own day -- the day of your death.

For the believer who dies before the trumpet sounds, the result is the same: instantly in the presence of the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8), waiting for the resurrection of the body.

So watch for the trumpet. And watch for your own last breath. Both come like a thief.

Part 5: The Dream the Lord Gave Me

I want to share a dream the Lord gave me -- one I have shared once before. Test it against Scripture, as we test everything.

In the dream I was in a stadium filled with people. Suddenly -- night fell. Fireballs began falling from the sky, and inside the fireballs were demons. From that moment, the earth became permanently dark.

As dreams always are, the stadium transformed into a castle with a moat. At bubbling rivers, people walked humbly, dipped lollipops into the water wherever fish were -- and were lifted to heaven in a kind of blue whirlwind.

I tried with mine. Nothing happened. The current nearly swept it away.

Later the Lord showed me: the lollipops represented the sweet Word of God. Only those who had His Word and confessed it in faith were lifted up.

Even as I was wondering why my turn was not coming, I was working hard -- running, hiding, dodging creatures, defending, helping others go up.

Then a friend said: "We saw Jesus -- so tall, rising into the clouds." I asked, "When? How did I miss Him?" There was no answer.

Then a paper was given to me -- another friend, an intercessor for me, seemed to have brought it from heaven. At the top it said: "Last people at risk of Jesus leaving." My heart sank. But below it commended me: faithful on the frontlines, enduring to the end.

And I smiled. And the friend who had seen Jesus rejoiced with me. For at last -- my turn to go up had come.

What the Dream Impressed on Me

A dream is not Scripture. We test every dream against the written Word. What I am sharing is what this dream impressed on my heart -- and what aligns with Scripture you may keep.

First -- the days will be dark. The prophets and Jesus Himself describe the days surrounding His return as days of deep distress -- the sun darkened, the moon turned to blood, men's hearts failing them from fear. (Joel 2:31; Matthew 24:29; Luke 21:25-26) The darkness in the dream was not invention. It matches what Scripture says about that hour.

Second -- the Word in our mouths matters. The lollipops represented the sweet Word of God (Psalm 119:103). Those who knew the Word and confessed it were lifted up -- which matches Romans 10:9-10 exactly: with the heart we believe, with the mouth we confess, and we are saved.

Third -- the Lord commends faithful endurance, not flash. The paper did not say I was the cleverest. It did not say I was the most gifted. It said: faithful on the frontlines, enduring to the end.

That is exactly what the Lord said He looks for:

Matthew 24:13 (NIV) *"...the one who stands firm to the end will be saved."*

Not stars. Not celebrities. Faithful endurance.

Not new doctrine. Just a vivid call to what Scripture has been saying all along: have the Word in your mouth, confess it in faith, endure to the end.

The trumpet will sound. He already knows the day.

He who has an ear — hold fast to the Word, confess Christ, and endure to the end.

A Prophetic Word Before the Altar

Hear this not just with your mind -- hear it in your spirit.

There is a trumpet. It has not yet sounded. But it is real. And the Lord is holding it in His hand.

On a day He alone knows -- a day not on any calendar in this world -- He will lift it to His lips and blow it.

And in that moment, in less than the blink of an eye, the graves of every saint who has died in Christ will open. The bodies of every believer alive on the earth will be changed. The sky will fill with the sound this world has been waiting for since Pentecost.

Paul did not make this up. He received it from the Lord:

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (NIV) *"Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed -- in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet."*

A mystery. Sacred. Unstoppable. Settled in heaven before the foundation of the world.

And here is what the Spirit is saying to the churches today:

That trumpet is closer than it has ever been. The signs Jesus said would precede it are gathering. The apostasy Paul said would precede it is rising. The deception John said would precede it is filling our screens and our pulpits.

Whether the Lord blows it in our generation or the next, no one knows. (Mark 13:32) But it is coming.

And when it sounds -- one will be taken. One will be left. Some will rise. Some will remain. Some will rejoice. Some will wail.

The difference is being made TODAY. In whom you trust. In what you confess. In how you live when no one is watching.

Before the trumpet sounds, before the dead in Christ rise, before the living are caught up -- the door is still open. He is still calling.

*The trumpet will sound. He already knows the day.
He who has an ear — the door is still open. Choose now.*

Altar Call

Today I am calling you to be ready while the door is still open.

On that great day, every knee will bow. But not all in love. Not all in safety. Not all from the air. Today -- you can settle the matter.

If you have never given your life to the Lord Jesus -- if you have lived as if your own day or the Lord's day would never come -- repent.

If you have been a date-setter, a scoffer, or asleep in Sodom -- repent.

If you have been a believer whose Bible has gone unread and whose prayer has gone cold -- repent.

And if you have been faithful on the frontlines, enduring to the end -- lift up your head. Your redemption is drawing near. (Luke 21:28)

Bow your head. Lift your hands. Do something with your body that says to heaven: I am ready for the trumpet. I am watching. I am clinging to the Word.

Pray with me:

"Lord Jesus,

You are coming again.

Forgive me for living as if You were not. Forgive me for the date-setting, the scoffing, the sleeping. Forgive me for the thin Bible and the thinner prayer. Forgive me for treating Your return as a doctrine instead of a Person standing at the door.

Wash me again in the blood of the Lamb. Set Your Word in my mouth like sweetness. Make me watch. Make me pray. Make me faithful on the frontlines.

And on that Day -- when the trumpet sounds, when the dead in Christ rise, when the living are caught up to meet You in the air -- let me be among the lifted. Let me be forever with the Lord.

Come, Lord Jesus.

MARANATHA. Amen."